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TAGS: MARR, SN, NZ, AS, UK, US

SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL BASIN BERTHS AND
FUEL DEPOT

REF: SINGAPORE 1501; WELLINGTON 1030.

1. AGREE WITH POST SUGGESTIONS (A) THAT INDICATION OF
SUPPORT FROM HMG TO ASSUMPTION OF MANAGEMENT OF SINGAPORE
BERTHS AND FUEL DEPOT BY GNZ SHOULD HELP LATTER IN REACH-
ING FAVORABLE DECISION, AND (B) THAT ANY HMG APPROACH
SHOULD BE IN LOW KEY TO AVOID CREATING IMPRESSION USG
USING STRONGARM TACTIC.

2. FOR LONDON: UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, REQUEST
YOU APPROACH HMG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO REQUEST THAT
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BRITISH SEEK SUITABLE OCCASION TO INDICATE TO GNZ THEIR

SUPPORT OF GNZ ASSUMPTION OF MANAGEMENT THESE FACILITIES.
YOU SHOULD RECALL THAT GNZ ALREADY HAS U.S. REQUEST UNDER
ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND THAT SINGAPORE GOVT HAS INFORMED
US IT HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS ARRANGEMENT. SUGGEST YOU
STRESS THAT WE ARE NOT SEEKING ACTIVE HMG EFFORT TO PER-
SUADE NEW ZEALANDERS BUT MERELY LOW-KEYED ASSURANCE TO GNZ

THAT HMG FAVORS PROPOSAL (ASSUMING, OF COURSE, THAT THEY DO).
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